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# Borough of Aldeburgh

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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

1967

C. H. IMRIE



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The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the  
Borough of Aldeburgh.

Madam Mayor,

Aldermen, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1967. This report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health and follows the pattern of previous years.

I would like to thank the Council and Officers for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. IMRIE

Medical Officer of Health.



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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health

C. H. Imrie, T.D., M.B., ChB., D.P.H.,  
Late Hon. Surgeon to H.M. The Queen.

Public Health Inspectors

J. A. Thompson, M. Inst. H.E., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

H. Young, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.  
(left the service of the Council on  
31st December 1967)



GENERAL STATISTICS 1967

Area of Borough ..... 2,679 acres  
Rateable Value ..... £124,745  
Product of ld. Rate ..... £490.

	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963
Population	3,100	3,070	3,060	2,970	2,970
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	12.6 (39)	11.4 (35)	13.4 (41)	13.2 (36)	13.8 (41)
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population	-	32 (1)	-	-	-
Death Rate per 1,000 population	17.1 (53)	21.8 (67)	15.03 (46)	19.8 (59)	15.2 (45)
Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births	-	28.5 (1)	24.3 (1)	27.7 (1)	-

Figures in brackets are  
the actual number of  
births and deaths.

POPULATION

In 1967 the population of the Borough of Aldeburgh increased by 30 to 3,100, which is the highest figure to be attained during the period covered by my records. As I have remarked in the past the upward trend of the population is extremely slow and a balance seems to be maintained between immigration and births on one hand and emigration and deaths on the other.

BIRTHS

Live births numbered 39 which is an increase of 4 over the previous year. The resulting Live Birth Rate, adjusted for comparison, is 13.86 per 1,000 population. The corresponding figure for England and Wales is 17.20.

There were no Still Births reported.

## DEATHS

There were rather fewer - at 53 - as compared with 67 in 1966. The main feature was the marked disparity between males and females, the latter outnumbering the males by nearly two to one. The adjusted death rate was 10.09 per 1,000 when compared with the figure of 11.2 for England and Wales.

There were no deaths of infants.

<u>Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	20	19	39
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Still Births</u>			
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
A <u>All Deaths</u>	19	34	53
<u>Infantile Deaths</u>	-	-	-
<u>Deaths associated with Childbirth</u>	-	-	-

## Comparability

For the purpose of statistical comparison with other districts of different sizes and composition, the Registrar General supplies a factor which, when applied to our Births and Death Rates gives the following results:-

<u>Birth Rate</u>	-	Aldeburgh per 1,000 population .....	13.86
		England and Wales per 1,000 population..	17.20
<u>Death Rate</u>	-	Aldeburgh per 1,000 population .....	10.09
		England and Wales per 1,000 population..	11.20

## Causes of Death

The pattern of the causes of death was on the whole much the same as in previous years. There was no sign of any tendency towards an increase in any particular cause. It is perhaps worthy of note that no deaths were reported from infectious or contagious disease or from causes associated with pregnancy or childbirth.

		1965	1966	1967		
				Male	Female	Total
1 to 9	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	1	1	-	-	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm	1	2	-	1	1
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	-	1	1	-	1
12	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	1	-	-	-
13	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-	-	1	1
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	2	2	3	5
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	1	-	-	-	-
17	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	10	8	1	9	10
18	Coronary Diseases, Angina	9	18	9	6	15
19 & 20	Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	5	-	1	1
21	Other Circulatory Diseases	4	10	1	2	3
22	Influenza	1	-	1	-	1
23	Pneumonia	3	-	-	4	4
24	Bronchitis	1	3	1	-	1
25	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	-	-	-
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	2	1	-	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	1	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1	-	1
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	1	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion	-	-	-	-	-
31	Congenital Malformations	1	-	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	10	-	3	3
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	-	2	1	4	5
35	Suicide	-	-	-	-	-
36	Homicide and actions of war	-	-	-	-	-
		46	67	19	34	53

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Once again the incidence of notifiable disease in the area was negligible. A total of two cases, both of measles, was notified in September. These were aged  $3\frac{1}{2}$  and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years.

The recent introduction of a vaccine against measles should go far towards eliminating this annoying complaint.

During 1967 no new cases of tuberculosis infection were reported and two cases were removed from the register, leaving a total of three existing cases at the end of the year.

The figures are extremely gratifying.

## TUBERCULOSIS

	Males		Females		Total
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
No. of cases on Register at 1st January 1967	1	-	3	1	5
No. of cases notified under the Regulations for the first time	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases restored to Register after being removed	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases added to Register otherwise than by notification	-	-	-	-	-
No. of cases removed from Register during year	1	-	-	1	2
No. of cases remaining on Register at 31st December 1967	-	-	3	-	3

In connection with the responsibility of the Local Health Authority to provide for immunisation against certain diseases I have to thank the County Medical Officer for details of immunisation carried out in the Town.

The figures are appended below:-

	<u>Primary Courses</u>	<u>Booster Dose or Revaccination</u>
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	26	25
Diphtheria/Pertussis	-	-
Diphtheria/Tetanus	-	29
Tetanus	2	10
Salk Poliomyelitis vaccine	-	1
Fabin Poliomyelitis Oral vaccine	22	16
Smallpox vaccination	22	3

## HOUSING

The following statistics relate to the year 1967:-

No. of Council Houses completed during the year .....	13
No. of Council Houses occupied at 31/12/67 .....	186
No. of Private Houses completed during the year .....	9
Total number of units of accommodation within the Borough .....	1365
No. of Houses inspected .....	10
No. of unsatisfactory houses .....	6
No. rendered fit by informal action .....	6
Abatement notices served .....	Nil
No. of Demolition Orders secured .....	Nil
No. of dwellings included in Clearance Orders .....	Nil
No. of dwellings demolished .....	4
No. of Improvement Grants - Discretionary .....	9
No. of Improvement Grants - Standard .....	3

Holiday Caravan sites are a popular feature of many seaside towns and the site in Aldeburgh is no exception. The site is well-maintained and no complaints were received about any aspect of its equipment or organisation during the year.

## WATER SUPPLY

The town supply is derived from shallow wells situated to the west of the town. While this source has in the past provided a water of acceptable standards and in an adequate amount, we must remember that the demand for water tends to increase and this will entail increased abstraction.

To my mind the occasional increases in salinity which have been found in the past have been due in some measure to some depletion of the water table with a consequent inflow of brackish water from the marshes. However, be this as it may, there is no doubt that the supply cannot be augmented materially from the present sources and for the future other arrangements will be needed.

The storage facilities in the town provide for some two to three hours supply. With any increase in demand this will not be adequate.

## CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF WATER

Sample taken from .....No.1 Sump, Aldeburgh Waterworks  
Date received .....4th July 1967  
Appearance .....Clear  
Nature of deposit .....Nil  
Colour .....Nil  
Odour .....Nil  
Taste .....Satisfactory  
Reaction .....Faintly alkaline 7.5

### RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Ammoniacal nitrogen ..... Pr. nil.  
Albuminoid nitrogen ..... 0.01  
Nitrate nitrogen ..... 9.5  
Nitrite nitrogen ..... trace  
Chlorine as chlorides ..... 238  
Permanganate Value (4 hr.)..... 0.42  
Hardness as  $\text{CaCO}_3$   
    Total ..... 380  
    Carbonate (temporary) ..... 210  
    Non-carbonate (permanent) ..... 170  
Alkalinity as  $\text{CaCO}_3$  ..... 210  
Free carbon dioxide ..... 18  
Total solids (at  $180^\circ\text{C.}$ ) ..... 650  
Iron (total) ..... 0.04  
Metals in solution ..... nil.

### Opinion

The organic quality of this water is very good and there is no chemical evidence of pollution. The salinity is lower than that of the sample taken last September (Cert.S.1418) and the total hardness is also lower, being now about 27° Clark. In our opinion this water is fit for drinking purposes.

for Lincolne Sutton & Wood Ltd.,

(sgd.) E. C. Cook.

## REFUSE DISPOSAL

The pulverisation of the refuse has worked well and has an end product which is more easily disposed of than the untreated refuse of the tipping era.

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year planning of the sewage disposal scheme was pushed ahead and by the end of the year definite progress had been made. The need is great in Aldeburgh and I hope that we will see unhindered progress in this important matter.

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT

Section 47 - No action required.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

Premises where treatments were carried out

Dwellinghouses	-	52
Other premises	-	11

## FOOD PREMISES

### Number of Food Premises by type of business

Grocers	,...	12	Ice Cream	....	13
Dairies	....	2	Butchers	....	3
Licensed Premises	17		Fried & Wet Fish		2
Bakers	....	3	Greengrocers	....	5
Sweets other than			Cafes	....	3
grocers	4				

### Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955

Ice Cream Dealers	13	Sausage Manufacturers	3
No. in inspections of Registered Premises	....		58
No. found unsatisfactory	.....		4
No. rendered satisfactory	.....		2

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959  
Prescribed Particulars on the Administration  
of The Factories Act, 1961

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	11	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	12	15	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	19	24	-	-
Totals	34	50	-	-

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	1		
(b) Unsuitable or defective				-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work)					
Totals	1	1	1	-	-





